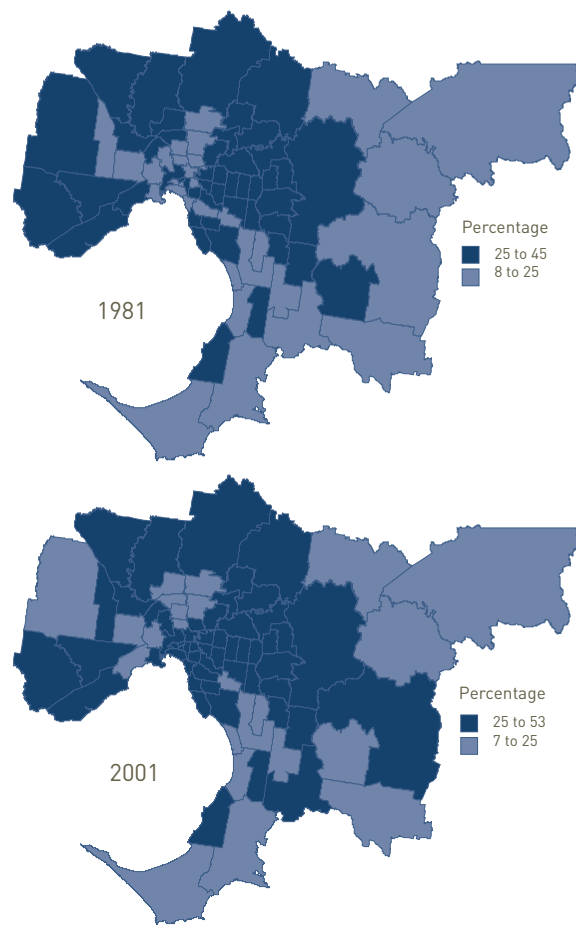


Changing incomes

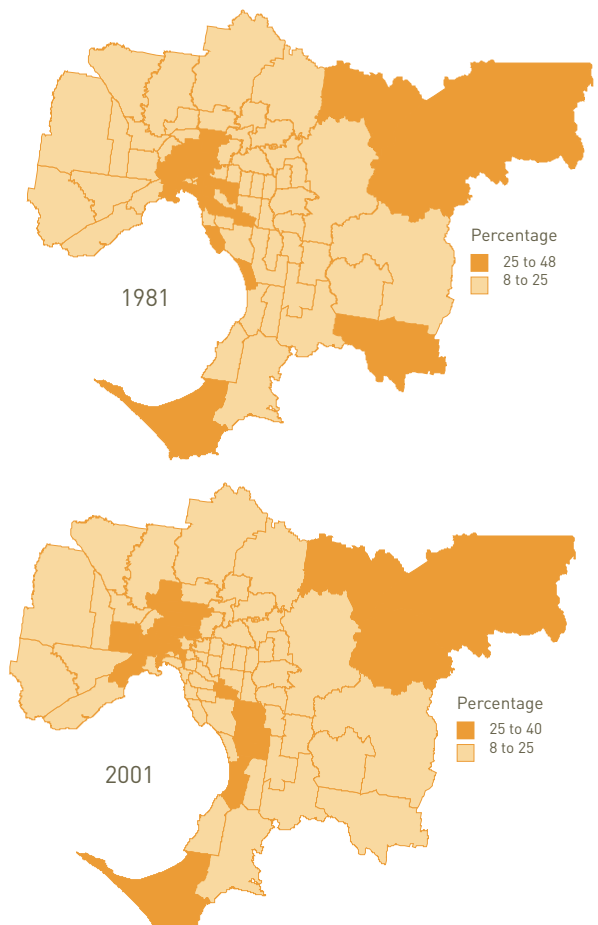
Low and high income households in 1981 and 2001

In 1981, areas of Melbourne with above average concentrations of households in the lowest income quartile (that is, with over 25% of households in the lowest 25% of incomes for Melbourne) tended to be the most inner and outer areas. By 2001, the inner areas of St Kilda, Prahran, Richmond and Hawthorn no longer had above average concentrations of low income households, and outer eastern areas in Frankston and Dandenong had moved into this category.

1 Percentages of households in highest income quartiles
Statistical Local Areas, 1981 and 2001



2 Percentages of households in lowest income quartiles
Statistical Local Areas, 1981 and 2001



Average wage changes from 1996 to 2001

Average real wages rose most in inner east and bayside Statistical Local Areas (SLAs) between 1996 and 2001. Wages rose less than 5% in the coastal section of Wyndham, which has become increasingly urban since 1996. A decline in a small area of the CBD, in contrast to rising average real wages in other inner areas, may reflect a small resident population in 1996, followed by population growth and an influx of students to 2001.

3 Percentage change in average personal wage and salary incomes between 1996 and 2001
Statistical Local Areas, 2000-01, in 2001 dollar value

